

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1954

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st March, 1954 -

Males - 328,735

Females - 308,694

Persons - 637,429

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1954 -

Persons 348,500 (Preliminary Census Field Count)

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JULY		7 Months Ended JULY	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Marriages - Number	342	326	3,099	2,928
* Rate per 1000 of Population	6.27	6.16	8.36	8.14
Births - Number	1,299	1,331	9,041	9,312
* Rate per 1000 of Population	23.80	25.15	24.40	25.89
Deaths - Number	529	521	2,981	2,867
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.69	9.85	8.04	7.97
Infant - Number	33	42	186	239
Mortality \propto Rate per 1000 Live Births	25.40	31.56	20.57	25.67
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	8	5	32	33
Malignant neoplasms	66	67	446	434
Diabetes mellitus	6	7	24	21
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	2	13	9
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	64	60	331	311
Diseases of the heart	185	171	948	872
Hypertension with heart disease	19	18	88	85
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	6	3	46	45
Arteriosclerosis	14	20	87	97
Influenza	5	2	7	6
Pneumonia	12	32	92	110
Bronchitis	4	6	17	25
Other respiratory disease	5	5	32	24
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	4	33	23
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	1	17	15
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	5	4
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	3	10	12
Nephritis and nephrosis	12	11	45	46
Diseases of the prostate	9	8	32	26
Maternal causes	-	1	5	5
Diseases of early infancy	20	26	121	143
Motor Vehicle accidents	13	6	93	107
Other accidents	10	15	120	119
Suicide	10	4	39	27
All other causes	53	44	298	268
Total:	529	521	2,981	2,867

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\propto Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August, 1954, totalled 720,827 acres, a decrease of 507,494 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 4,563,144 acres, an increase of 2,422,592.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of August		Two Months Ended August	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,708,223	3,071,755	6,981,286	6,203,127
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 15. 2	4. 18. 4	10. 17. 2	9. 18. 10
Expenditure	3,748,950	3,384,969	7,323,570	6,930,801
Expenditure per Head of Population	5. 16. 5	5. 8. 4	11. 7.10	11. 2. 2

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st August, 1954, amounted to £53,056,649 or £82.6.5d per head of population as against £48,006,115 or £76.14.9d per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 25th August, 1954, amounted to £12,114,795 compared with £10,503,723 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		August		2 Months ended August	
		1954	1953	1954	1954
Transfers	No.	2,114	1,957	4,499	4,107
	£.	3,152,711	2,328,458	6,705,021	5,004,979
Mortgages	No.	1,789	1,617	3,636	3,469
	£.	3,537,507	2,416,957	6,680,145	5,422,655
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,116	1,052	2,311	2,363

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Month of August, 1954	4,056,601	1,805,313	8,903,265	464,653
Month of August, 1953	3,278,886	1,814,246	7,306,962	509,406
Two months ended August, 1954	7,410,011	3,904,449	17,126,774	933,988
Two months ended August, 1953	6,257,985	4,207,940	15,466,481	938,067

COMPANIES REGISTERED

46 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £11,987,500 and 17 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1954. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 34 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,867,000 and 34 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Two months ended August					
	1954			1953		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	10	6,708	1,446	7	35,689	22,364
Deeds of Assignment (a)	3	26,269	37,507	6	13,679	17,789
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE -	
	1954	1953	1954	1953 /
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	984,600	766,000	11,374,307	7,972,260
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,183,284	1,122,006	13,756,109	12,087,333
Train Miles Run No.	618,687	586,763	7,204,004	5,255,184
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 100,857	(b) 132,874	(c) 1,962,937	(c) 2,125,564
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	656,572	609,455	8,678,083	6,339,430
Motor Bus No.	24,906	45,604	521,228	636,171
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	263,584	253,775	3,082,735	2,486,905
Livestock	7,784	9,152	123,223	131,901
Departmental (Free Freight)	74,311	65,670	808,981	644,187
<u>Total:</u>	345,679	328,597	4,014,939	3,262,993
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	44,822,448	43,468,259	521,971,113	392,848,721
Livestock	1,143,075	1,158,903	15,827,769	16,742,015
Departmental (Free Freight)	9,483,090	9,472,404	110,065,973	86,294,404
<u>Total:</u>	55,448,613	54,099,566	647,864,855	495,885,140

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.
 (b) Period ended 24th July.
 (c) Year ended 30th June.
 * Figures liable to revision.
 / Figures reflect Metal Trade Strike.

STATE OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE,
January 17, 1907.

REPORT

1906		1905	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
\$2,304,414	\$1,782,782	\$2,304,414	\$1,782,782

Report of the Board of Directors of the New York State Insurance Fund

1906		1905	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
\$2,304,414	\$1,782,782	\$2,304,414	\$1,782,782

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Report of the Board of Directors of the New York State Insurance Fund

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
1954 -								
January	384	126	11	68	669	337	13	108
February	409	191	5	66	724	461	8	102
March	405	176	3	70	724	476	4	113
April	516	166	7	77	907	453	9	129
May	538	190	-	47	951	500	4	91
June	594	227	-	42	1,086	528	4	89
July	638	253	-	40	1,169	584	3	90

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
1954 -								
January	44,889	19,556	577	9,798	73,329	54,141	1,022	14,345
February	45,135	19,687	583	9,787	74,505	55,735	1,086	14,727
March	45,339	19,726	585	9,757	75,443	56,628	1,093	14,963
April	45,790	19,862	591	9,767	76,142	56,760	1,099	14,892
May	46,097	19,929	591	9,685	77,335	57,764	1,106	15,041
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
July	49,202	20,959	592	9,744	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for July, 1954:-
95 Cars: 787 Wagons, Vans, etc.: 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

(a) Not yet available.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, July, 1954 and 1953, and twelve months ended
June 1954 and 1953, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE		JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	4,445	3,921	42,525	29,874	3,687	5,308	71,649	87,852
Interstate	7,312	6,749	82,687	68,607	1,486	2,164	20,004	25,281
Total:	11,757	10,670	125,212	98,481	5,173	7,472	91,653	113,133

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954 -										
March Qr.	715	1,827	944	2,491	22	313	163	990	1,844	5,621
June Qr.	828	2,224	1,195	3,123	22	192	187	1,043	2,232	6,582

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954 -										
March Qr.	568	1,895	82	215	970	2,115	1	1	1,621	4,226
June Qr.	731	2,463	44	107	1,199	2,631	1	1	1,975	5,202

GOLD PRODUCTION

		AUGUST		8 Months Ended AUGUST	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Quantity	Fine ozs.	68,816	62,348	569,905	542,483
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.		1,075,251	965,876	8,864,857	8,403,953

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eight months ended August, 1954, amounted to £933,571. Dividends for the corresponding period of 1953 were £666,180.

Year	Total Value	(Including Owners)	(S) HOUSEHOLD CONSTRUCTION	- Classified A -	Value	Percentage	Number of Units
Year 1976	8,000						
Year 1975	7,500						
Year 1974	7,000						
Year 1973	6,500						
Year 1972	6,000						
Year 1971	5,500						
Year 1970	5,000						
Year 1969	4,500						
Year 1968	4,000						
Year 1967	3,500						
Year 1966	3,000						
Year 1965	2,500						
Year 1964	2,000						
Year 1963	1,500						
Year 1962	1,000						
Year 1961	500						
Year 1960	0						

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Metropolitan Area	2832	2594	2727	2493	2475	2290	2366	2245
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2899	2725	2822	2677	2418	2358	2392	2334
Northam	2807	2610	2724	2550	2395	2310	2357	2270
Bunbury	2849	2603	2757	2538	2403	2298	2365	2268
Geraldton	2852	2678	2793	2607	2550	2415	2476	2380
Collie	2878	2623	2791	2561	2292	2198	2258	2162

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1953			1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,573	39,805	167,378	133,021	41,620	174,641
February	128,682	40,835	169,517	133,165	42,375	175,540
March	129,232	41,012	170,244	133,924	42,595	176,519
April	129,666	41,211	170,877	133,517	42,811	176,328
May	129,673	41,189	170,862	134,347	42,768	177,115
June	130,185	41,029	171,214	134,969	42,685	177,754
July	130,540	41,132	171,672	134,232	42,947	177,179
August	130,351	41,296	171,647			
September	130,899	41,443	172,342			
October	131,392	41,824	173,216			
November	131,948	42,192	174,140			
December	132,572	42,634	175,206			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	194	208	214	213	223
February	197	212	216	217	223
March	200	215	216	220	225
April	200	215	215	221	224
May	203	216	214	222	224
June	202	215	211	220	226
July	204	218	211	220	225
August	204	217	212	220	
September	204	216	211	220	
October	206	217	212	221	
November	207	217	213	222	
December	207	215	213	223	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area						South-West Land Division						Goldfields and Rest of State					
	Male			Female			Male			Female			Male			Female		
27/7/53	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
	12.	6.	6	8.	0	3	12.	6.	0	7.	19.	11	12.	9.	4.	8.	2.	1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	AUGUST				Two months ended AUGUST			
	1954		1953		1954		1953	
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	37,736		33,129		76,572		67,788	
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	33,682		29,608		68,319		60,589	

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
August, 1954	15,682	385	77,483	14,883
August, 1953	13,841	528	66,744	9,035
2 Months ended August, 1954	33,658	834	138,008	25,211
2 Months ended August, 1953	32,288	1,112	127,355	16,263

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
Year 1953	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
<u>Year 1954</u>										
January	312	139	168	62	480	201	5	6	231	100
February	303	120	175	63	478	183	10	8	222	99
March	333	106	206	97	539	203	4	9	263	132
April	386	157	226	79	612	236	6	6	265	117
May	461	156	216	68	677	224	11	5	272	94
June	433	140	220	65	653	205	13	3	265	91
July	489	154	217	83	706	237	9	6	283	130
Total 7 Months Ended July, 1954	2,717	972	1,428	517	4,145	1,489	58	43	1,801	763

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ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JULY		AUGUST		12 Months Ended JUNE	
		1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>							
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	842	1,128	685	727	7,197	9,501
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	791	1,128	585	1,041	9,207	10,061
- Clay	'000	6,978	8,510	6,545	8,932	82,521	92,604
Cement, Portland	ton	10,990	11,500	10,835	12,250	97,418	126,620
Enamels	gal.	1,714	3,612	3,575	3,758	35,867	47,462
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds	203	209	195	209	2,436	2,252
Paints (Ready Mixed) Excluding Water Paints	gal.	10,463	23,971	9,344	17,407	144,689	198,666
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	1,128	917	836	999	11,738	9,332
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	19,812	19,274	17,854	(a)	205,411	216,823
<u>Clothing</u>							
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,067	1,216	723	753	7,889	10,150
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)							
Mens and Boys	no.	1,678	2,434	1,913	1,678	21,284	26,857
Shirts (all types) Mens and Boys	doz.	3,961	5,383	4,398	4,750	37,457	51,162
Sports Coats	no.	458	462	919	847	9,311	8,678
Suits - Mens - 3 piece	no.	765	441	644	333	8,605	4,305
- 2 piece	no.	2,136	2,619	2,155	2,195	24,904	24,691
Trousers - Mens - Sport	no.	5,321	5,078	4,913	5,383	52,492	56,711
- Work (Cotton & Wool)	no.	11,424	16,239	11,789	14,372	106,960	156,021
<u>Footwear</u>							
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	49,084	39,121	40,436	37,386	476,279	513,706
Sandals	pair	3,245	4,455	12,218	13,524	123,793	127,466
Slippers	pair	60,109	51,551	53,440	47,590	444,725	611,310
<u>Food</u>							
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	522	550	622	635	8,272	7,723
Breakfast Foods- Prepared	cwt.	3,263	2,526	2,828	2,881	38,758	38,902
Butter	'000 lb.	1,178	1,476	1,495	1,863	14,411	14,028
Cheese	'000 lb.	171	323	275	407	2,088	2,823
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	255	334	293	341	3,888	3,429
Jams	'000 lb.	86	56	98	81	1,119	837
Margarine	'000 lb.	163	116	117	76	1,409	1,202
Oatmeal	cwt.	8,461	3,634	9,009	3,321	77,335	99,894
Sauce - Tomato	pint	49,731	47,982	40,219	43,624	803,245	656,826
<u>Miscellaneous</u>							
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	121	107	86	107	1,244	1,376
- Nitric	cwt.	20	16	10	16	400	230
- Sulphuric	ton	12,077	10,358	12,304	9,675	142,339	149,357
Cycles, Pedal	no.	497	563	609	500	7,037	8,271
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	131	137	131	136	1,443	1,445
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,580	1,926	1,380	1,852	12,615	20,271
- Woven Wire	no.	2,222	2,353	2,662	1,840	29,732	30,746
- Soft filled	no.	3,545	3,396	3,923	3,878	44,574	44,781
Motor Vehicle Bodies -							
- Truck Trays	no.	83	90	67	98	1,077	1,080
- Utilities (all types)	no.	18	32	13	34	129	261
- Trailers (all types)	no.	4	8	11	24	173	167
Perambulators	no.	92	79	88	63	1,222	1,060

(a) Not available.

